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STRENGTH AND RESISTANCE TO SETTLING, AND HARD DRAWN SPRING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

■ Submitted herewith is a Japanese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The references cited therein were previously filed on October 01, 2004. Also submitted is a PTO-1449 listing JP 9-71843 which corresponds to US 5,904,787 and JP 6-240408 which corresponds to EP 0 614 994 A1 which were filed on October 01, 2004.

RELATED CASES

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